

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claim 6 with the following:

6. (Once Amended) The Gram-negative bacterium of claim 1, wherein said regulatory sequence comprises the *E. coli* lactose operon (SEQ. ID. NO. 1).

Please replace Claim 7 with the following:

7. (Once Amended) The Gram-negative bacterium of claim 1, wherein said regulatory sequence comprises the Pi2 (noc) promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 2) and the noc1 operon (SEQ. ID. NO. 2).

Please replace Claim 8 with the following:

8. (Once Amended) The Gram-negative bacterium of claim 1, wherein said regulatory sequence comprises the P<sub>BAD</sub> promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 5) and araC cis element (SEQ. ID. NO. 4).

Please replace Claim 10 with the following:

10. (Once Amended) The recombinant nucleic acid construct of claim 9, wherein said regulatory sequence comprises the *E. coli* lactose operon (SEQ. ID. NO. 1).


Please replace Claim 11 with the following:


11. (Once Amended) The recombinant nucleic acid construct of claim 9, wherein said regulatory sequence comprises the Pi2 (noc) promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 2) and the noc1 operon (SEQ. ID. NO. 2).

Please replace Claim 12 with the following:


12. (Once Amended) The recombinant nucleic acid construct of claim 9, wherein said regulatory sequence comprises the P<sub>BAD</sub> promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 5) and the araC cis element (SEQ. ID. NO. 4).

Please replace Claim 17 with the following:


 17. (Once Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said regulatory sequence comprises the *E. coli* lactose operon (SEQ. ID. NO. 1).


 Please replace Claim 18 with the following:


18. (Once Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said regulatory sequence comprises the Pi2 (noc) promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 2) and noc1 operon (SEQ. ID. NO. 2).

 Please replace Claim 19 with the following:


19. (Once Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said regulatory sequence comprises the P<sub>BAD</sub> promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 5) and the araC cis element (SEQ. ID. NO. 4).

 Please replace Claim 25 with the following:


 25. (Once Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein said regulatory sequence comprises the *E. coli* lactose operon (SEQ. ID. NO. 1).


 Please replace Claim 26 with the following:


26. (Once Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein said regulatory sequence comprises the Pi2 (noc) promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 2) and noc1 operon (SEQ. ID. NO. 2).

 Please replace Claim 27 with the following:


27. (Once Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein said regulatory sequence comprises the P<sub>BAD</sub> promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 5) and the araC cis element (SEQ. ID. NO. 4).

 Please replace Claim 30 with the following:

 30. (Once Amended) The vector of claim 29, wherein said regulatory sequence comprises the *E. coli* lactose operon (SEQ. ID. NO. 1).


 Please replace Claim 31 with the following:

31. (Once Amended) The vector of claim 29, wherein said regulatory sequences comprise the Pi2 (noc) promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 2) and noc1 operon (SEQ. ID. NO. 2).

 Please replace Claim 32 with the following: ]


32. (Once Amended) The vector of claim 29, wherein said regulatory sequences comprise the P<sub>BAD</sub> promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 5) and the araC cis element (SEQ. ID. NO. 4).

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 Please replace Claim 34 with the following: ]


34. (Once Amended) The Gram-negative bacterium of claim 1, wherein the regulatory sequence comprises the traCDG promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 7) and the occ promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 8).

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 Please replace Claim 36 with the following: ]


36. (Once Amended) The recombinant nucleic acid construct of claim 9, wherein the regulatory sequence comprises the traCDG promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 7) and the occ promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 8).

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 Please replace Claim 38 with the following: ]


38. (Once Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the regulatory sequence comprises the traCDG promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 7) and the occ promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 8).

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 Please replace Claim 40 with the following: ]

40. (Once Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the regulatory sequence comprises the traCDG promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 7) and the occ promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 8).

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 Please replace Claim 42 with the following: ]

42. (Once Amended) The vector of claim 29, wherein the regulatory sequence comprises the traCDG promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 7) and the occ promoter (SEQ. ID. NO. 8).

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